

COUNTRY REPORTERS.

Some of Them Have Funny Experiences to Relate.

"You boys who have worked only on these up-to-date metropolitan papers have no conception of the serio-comic aspect of daily journalism in some parts of the country," said a young reporter to a group of New York City newspaper men during a court recess. "Before I reached New York I had several months' experience on morning papers in small eastern cities. My first job was a failure owing to a bad habit which the proprietor had acquired of paying salaries in merchandise. For three months the way the best dressed man in town, but unfortunately, had forgotten what a square meal looked like. Being a bachelor, I did not particularly hanker after rocking chairs and sofa cushions, but a half share in a meal ticket at a critical moment kept me loyal to the paper for a while longer. But when for two weeks my only pay was in the shape of unlimited credit at a livery stable, I began to weaken, and on the livery man objecting because I was subsiding his runabout and gray mare for 75 cents a day, I moved on to the next town.

"There was a little more cash in the office in this place, but a seemingly unnecessary spirit of petty economy and closeness was rather trying. To be paid off in quarters and half-dollars was decidedly annoying to one's sense of dignity, while our expense accounts were audited with as much care as though a \$50,000 embezzlement was suspected. I remember throwing the office into a temporary state of coma by handing in a bill for 50 cents carriage hire used in going to a 2 a. m. fire. Every newspaper man in the town had bet up on the coming of my claim. I finally received the money, but as a mild protest to such extravagance it was paid entirely in pennies.

"The editor of this town was a character. He was dirty and shabby in appearance, and yet had for years been a successful speculator in stocks on margin. He was an alchemist, a gambler, a winner at the game, and his soul was wrapped up in it. He lived in the most miserly way in order that every last cent might be staked on the rise and fall of the market. It was a known fact that he was in the habit of selling to the newsboys at 10 cents apiece the tickets for the circus which the advance agent gave him. The city edition was almost as bad, and between them they engaged a foolish sort of youth as a police reporter. The salary appropriate for this position was a part of the publisher's \$15, but it was believed that the two editors handed the new reporter \$3 and pocketed \$3 apiece weekly as a result of the transaction. Moreover, the poor youth was expected to take the chief out to supper at 11 o'clock each night.

"Tiring of these surroundings, I went to a larger town to join the staff of a new paper, just started, which was trying the dangerous experiment of endeavoring to publish a newspaper with an equipment of only two typesetting machines. The machines were both new and balked about twice a day. The consequence of the constant delays thus caused was the most monstrous frequency with which our two column cut of the governor of the state and the three column cut of our new office appeared on the morning paper. The memorable Monday morning that same front page was entirely devoted to one column of telegraph news, to plate matter in the shape of poems, puzzles, jokes and anecdotes. That was our banner issue, and I have never seen anything to equal it.

"The publisher of this paper thought he had accomplished the feat of making when he obtained a proofreader for the insignificant sum of \$10 weekly. The only trouble was that the proofreader was 80 years old, and at 11 o'clock at night it was a physical impossibility for him to keep awake for more than a few minutes at a time. It was pathetic to watch the old man start bravely in at the top of a galley proof, fall asleep when about twenty lines down, and only wake up when his hand, with its idle blue pencil, had mechanically traveled over a greater part of the proof. He would start in again at the point at which his pencil rested when he awoke. The obvious result was that, while the beginning and the end of the story would be comparatively free from mistakes, the great middle area would present a waste of typographical errors, bulls and 'weds' that would defy the bravest reader. The publisher finally came to the conclusion that false economy was as dangerous as prodigality, and in a burst of liberality offered a younger man \$12 as proofreader.

"The newcomer was an experienced man, but of a hasty temper and prone to imitate. The second day he worked extra time in order to turn in a half-column story of his own on the political situation in Bulgaria, a suburb where he resided. However unselfish his action in so doing, the story did not please Roberts, our publisher, for the reason that it was largely composed of an account of the death of Roberts' nearest and dearest friends. He called the proofreader down for this and, as a result, on Friday evening Wilkes, the proofreader, was full of anger and whiskey. In an evil moment Roberts walked into the editorial rooms and asked each man in turn to have a special story for early copy on Sunday. When it came his turn to address Wilkes you could have heard a pin drop.

"Mr. Wilkes, can you give us a good Bulgaria story for early copy?" asked Roberts, apparently ignorant of any ill will. "No," snapped Wilkes, "I'll never write another story for this paper. You don't appreciate anything that is done for you. And then he went on for five minutes more and gave Roberts such an insight into his character, as seen by others, as is seldom granted to any man.

"Roberts retreated hastily, and, as each man had a grievance against Roberts, the entire staff adjourned to a friendly cafe as soon as the work was over, and an all night session ensued. Being on the 'water wagon' at the time, I acted as shepherd, and at 8 o'clock in the morning finally managed to get the boys started for home. Imagine our heroics when Roberts, turning a corner, we almost ran into Roberts himself, chatting with a friend, but, fortunately, standing with his back toward us. All the bravery of the married men who could not afford to lose their positions, vanished into thin air, their terror affected the bachelors, and a hasty if somewhat wobbly retreat was made before Roberts had a chance to see us. Needless to say, Wilkes did not return to read proof any more."—New York Tribune.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

J. C. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Catarrh Pills are the best.

Louis Berets of the St. Denis cafe, 265 Main street, has just returned from Europe, and is again to be found at his restaurant attending to business. The St. Denis is to be kept open day and night. Prices cheap enough for everybody.

Cause of Silence.
(Philadelphia Post.)
On one of his trips west Frederick Remington, the artist, made the acquaintance of a cowboy who was called by his associates "Hollering Smith." In appearance the man was typical of his kind, and Mr. Remington made several studies of him, both in repose and when in his favorite pastime of "hollering." Later, when back in his studio, the artist embodied a rather close portrait of the exuberant Smith in several drawings for a magazine, most of them showing him in a state of eruption. Later Mr. Remington again visited Smith's neighborhood, and on the afternoon of his arrival was approached by that worthy bearing one of the pictures torn from the magazine. Pointing to the central figure, he said: "Say, is that me?"

"Well," replied Mr. Remington, guardedly, "I got the idea from you, of course, but—"

"Oh, it's all right," broke in the man; "no offense. If it's me, just say so."

"Well, yes; it's a fairly close portrait of you."

"That's what the boys at the ranch said. I look like that when I holler, do I?"

"I think you do."

"Well," said the man, as he slowly returned the leaf to his pocket, "if that's the state of the case then all I've got to say is that Hollering Smith has hollered the last holler that he'll ever holler. Hereafter when I celebrate I blow a tin horn. I don't consider that no man has a right to look like that—not around amongst white folks, at least."

Said Things to Himself.
(Chicago Chronicle.)
The direct shaft I was ever in in my life," said Timothy J. Campbell, "was one day recently when I was in a hurry on Broadway. I had walked a few blocks from my office when I thought I'd take a car. I put my hand in my pocket and found I'd left my wallet behind me. However, a 3-cent piece showed up in my vest pocket. I was just about stepping off the sidewalk toward the car

when the dime fell out of my hand. It fell near an old man who was selling tape measures. A young fellow coming along, thinking the old man had dropped the dime, handed it to him. He pocketed it quickly.

"Did you claim the dime?" Tim was asked.

"Not on your life. I hustled along on my journey—on foot, mind you—saying strong words about things generally as I went on."

Money-Savers in Ladies' Ready-Made Suits.
The near approach of Christmas finds startling price reductions on all our tailor-made suits. The beauty and genuine worth of our garments bespeak the liberal patronage of Christmas buyers. This item for illustration—hundreds of others just as remarkable: Broken lines women's suits, regular \$15.00, now \$13.95.

These PRONOUNCED CHRISTMAS MONEY-SAVERS

Will Pilot the Throngs Auerbachward This Week

These Sterling Values Should Appeal to All Who Contemplate Remembering Friends and Relatives with Xmas Presents. Here's a Page of Suggestions, including the Ornamental, the Useful, and in Some Cases the Sentimental. All Tastes are Catered To—the Prices are Guaranteed to be the Lowest and Qualities the Highest. So Come to the "Old Reliable" and Get Your Xmas Presents from the Largest Stock for the LEAST MONEY POSSIBLE.

ESTABLISHED 1864
T. Auerbach & Bro.
ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

It's a Sale
Planned for Thousand
MONDAY MORNING, FROM 9 TO 12 O'CLOCK.

EXQUISITE FLANNELLETTES, a collection in which all the charm of the season's designing seems to have been assembled—suitable for waists, wrappers, kimonoes, etc., worth 12½c and some 15c. Twelve yards to each customer, at—
3 Cents a Yard.
You know the best patterns go first.

Tailor-Made Skirts
for the Cost of Material

SPECIAL FOR MONDAY.

One hundred women's and misses' walking skirts, made of wool melton cloth, tailor stitched bottom, colors oxford gray, brown and navy blue (all sizes), regular \$3.00 value, MONDAY SPECIAL—
\$1.73

Ribbons.

You'll need them for a thousand and one things: sometimes in making presents, always in tying them up. Baby ribbons in all colors, fifty yards for 45c; No. 1 velvet ribbon in all colors, worth 35c this week, per bolt, 45c; No. 2 velvet ribbons in all colors, worth 30c bolt, for—
69c a Bolt.

\$13.95

This Mammoth Dry Goods House

Offers opportunities not found in ordinary stores. Here you frequently secure two presents for the amount you thought one would cost. The Economy of our Prices is more pronounced during the Holiday Season than any other time.

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Leather Goods

Every kind of money carriers in all grades and at all prices. They are of the finest manufacture in the most modern styles of wrist, carriage and auto bags, at prices to suit every purse.

Our This Week's Special—Wrist Bags.

Of excellent quality walrus, in black, gray, brown or white, containing mirror, coin purse and smelling salts bottle, regular 75c grades on sale at—
50c

A Startling Holiday Portiere Sale.

Reversible figured Damask Portieres that sell regularly at \$1.88 this week, a pair—
\$1.88

\$2.50 fancy striped Damask Portieres, reduced to, per pair—
\$2.39

Beaded Portieres, value \$3.00; marked down to, per pair—
\$3.60

Solid colored Rep. Portieres with Verona borders, and Armure Brocade Curtains, that sell regular at \$3.50; go this week, per pair—
\$4.40

\$7.50 Ottoman and side bordered effect brocade Damask Portieres, on sale this week, per pair—
\$5.20

Highly mercerized Portieres, good value at \$9.00; this week—
\$6.30

\$11.00 Damask Curtains—very effective—on sale at—
\$8.20

Silk Brocade and Real Tapestry Curtains that sell regularly at \$16.50—this week, a pair—
\$12.95

\$20.00 Embroidered Plush and Real Persian Tapestry Portieres—go this week, per pair—
\$14.80

Genuine Embroidered Tapestry Portieres, come stores ask \$50.00 for—our price this week, a pair—
\$26.90

Circular Shawls.

Make most acceptable Christmas presents. We are showing a line unsurpassed for high value or low price. Two great leaders for this week. Large size Circular Shawl in pink, blue, white, red or white with colored border. **75c**

Circular Shawl in extra fine \$2.25 grade, in white or white with colored edge; on sale at—
\$1.50

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We say broken sizes, and yet, in the lot we have all sizes in various styles. They come in chevrons, venetian, serges and zibelines, etc., in black, tan, gray and blue. Jackets are silk and satin lined. The styles include the long-skirted blouse effects, worth up to \$5.00; while they last—
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Great Sale of Fans.

FANS MAKE MOST ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR YOUNG OR OLD. THE MATCHLESS VALUES OF THIS GREAT OFFERING MAKE IT THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF THIS KIND WE EVER CONDUCTED.

WHITE GAUZE FANS, with silver decorated sticks, trimmed with silver spangles or hand-painted flower design, up to 45c values; sale price—
25 Cents.

WHITE AND COLORED SILK GAUZE FANS, with silver decorated sticks. This lot includes fans probably decorated with silver spangles, fans with flower design with wide lace edge up to \$1.00 value, at—
69 Cents.

WHITE SILK GAUZE FANS with silver decorated hardwood sticks and a large number with fine ivory sticks. These are most elaborately decorated and worth up to \$2.00 each; on sale now at—
\$1.00.

All our higher-priced Silk Gauze Fans with handsome carved ivory sticks, beautiful pearl sticks as well as our great line of REAL LACE FANS are included in this sale, and offered at great reductions. Not a single one has escaped the price cutting. MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY.

Perfumes, Toilet Water, Soaps

And Handkerchief Extracts.

THE FINEST AND BEST KNOWN BRANDS. ALL POPULAR ODORS ARE HERE TO CHOOSE FROM. AND ALL AT PRICES TO INSURE GREAT SAVINGS. NOT ONLY THE BEST BRANDS OF DOMESTIC MANUFACTURE, BUT ALSO PINAUD'S FINEST FRENCH AND MARIA FERINA 9-11 GERMAN PERFUMES AND EXTRACTS ARE GIVEN HERE IN GREAT VARIETY.

THEY MAKE THE MOST EXCELLENT HOLIDAY GIFTS.

PINAUD'S finest toilet soaps in Sandal Wood, Violet, Royal Lilacs, French Cornelian Pink, Queen Lilly, New Mown Hay, etc., regular 4c and 5c values, on sale at a bar—
25c

Or fancy box of three bars for 75c. **25c**

COLGATE'S HANDKERCHIEF EXTRACTS, any odor, half-ounce bottles, regular 35c; on sale at—
25c

One-ounce bottles, regular price 65c; on sale at—
39c

Two-ounce bottles, regular price 90c; on sale at—
60c

Three- and one-half-ounce bottles, regular price \$1.25; on sale at—
\$1.00

PINAUD'S finest quadruple extract, one-ounce bottles, regular \$1.50; on sale at—
\$1.00

KIRK'S WINTER BOUQUET, finely scented toilet soap, three bars in fancy box, regular price, per box, 35c; on sale at—
18c

MARIA FERINA 9-11, finest German Cologne, standard 75c size bottle, on sale at—
50c

Standard \$1.25 size bottle; on sale at—
85c

Reduced Prices For Blankets and Comforts.

A Comfort-giving, Pleasure-giving Xmas Present.

Fancy Colored Silks.

One hundred pieces of Fancy Silks, light and dark shades, suitable for waists, gowns or trimmings; values up to \$1.25. On sale at, per yard—
66c

Two hundred pieces of Plain and Fancy Silks, including stripes, plaids, brocades, dark color, evening shades, all colors—suitable for waists, street gowns, evening dresses, shopping bags, fancy work, etc. Worth up to \$2.00; on sale at, per yard—
98c

Imported Colored Woolens.

Up to \$2.50 a yard.

Including Novelty Dress Fabrics of Zibelines, Scotch Tweeds, French Venetians, Fancy Basket Weaves, Fancy Crashes, Homespuns, Hairline Zib-Dress Goods; 54 and 56 inches wide. On sale at, per yard—
\$1.37½

BLACK ZIBELINES—The most fashionable cloth for this season's wear; all standard makes—Priestleys, Lupins, etc. We offer five qualities at a reduction of one-third less than regular, at, per yard—
\$1.37, 1.48, 1.69, 1.89, 1.98

DRESSES FOR 1904—IF IDEAS ARE WHAT YOU WANT, VISIT THE DEPARTMENT OF BUTTERICK PATTERNS IN OUR STORE. WE CAN SHOW YOU PAPER PATTERNS FOR EVERY NECESSARY GARMENT. THE JANUARY PATTERNS, JUST RECEIVED, ARE FULL OF "1900" EFFECTS.

USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS.

MONEY SAVED BY BUYING THEM IN OUR SHOE DEPART'T

OUR SHOES FOR LADIES, MISSES, BOYS AND CHILDREN ARE USEFUL, GOOD AND CHEAP. OUR SLIPPERS FOR MEN, LADIES, BOYS AND CHILDREN ARE USEFUL, GOOD AND CHEAP. GREAT SALE ON RUBBERS THIS WEEK.

Children's storm rubbers, sizes 6 to 11, cut to—
30c

Missee's Storm Rubbers, sizes 11½ to 2, cut to—
35c

Ladies' Storm and Low Cut Rubbers, all sizes, cut to—
40c

Ladies' Storm and Low Cut Rubbers, finest quality made, (French heels included), cut to—
45c

Children's Buckle Arctics, sizes 6 to 11—
50c

Missee's Buckle Arctics, sizes 11½ to 2—
55c

Ladies' Buckle Arctics, all sizes—
60c

BUY RUBBERS THIS WEEK AND SAVE MONEY.

Great Handkerchief Values.

For women and children, exceptional qualities at exceptionally low prices. You may puzzle your brain a long time trying to get the problem and not reach a happier conclusion than to buy Handkerchiefs, and nowhere can you be so economically served as here. Wonderful specials at, each—
25c, 35c and 50c

Great Flannel AND Eiderdown Values.

Exceptional qualities at exceptionally low prices. Choice of plain or ripple effect, all wool Eiderdowns, full yard wide, exceptionally rich qualities in cream, pink, light blue, old rose, lavender, brown, gray or red. Value 60c and 75c. This week, a yard—
38c

Double width, 50-inch wide Fancy Jersey Chapes and Eiderdowns, mohair finished; the handsomest patterns for bath robes and slumber robes. Value \$1.25. On sale this week, per yard—
62½c

Regular \$1.50 reduced for this week to, per yard—
79c

Four of the handsomest designs in WHITE EMBROIDERED SKIRTING FLANNELS, yard wide, hemstitched, cut edge and well-developed edge designs; usually sold at \$1.75. On sale this week, per yard—
\$1.20

A Silk Umbrella Special, Just in Time For the Holidays.

A close roll Silk or extra quality Gloria Umbrella, with silk case and tassel; 28-inch size for ladies, or 28-inch for gentlemen. The handles comprise an assortment of natural wood or fancy novelties. A dainty, serviceable holiday gift for man or woman. Up to \$4.50 values. On sale at—
\$2.69